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Rosetta awakes (Page 1)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Rosetta awakes'.

Answer questions 1-16.

1. Where is the Kuiper belt?

2. Where was the Rosetta Stone found and where is it now?

3. When was Rosetta's 'alarm clock' set for?

4. List the things that a comet's nucleus is made of and what it is thought to contain?

5. Who discovered the comet and what is its official name?

6. From where does Rosetta get its power?

7. How do comets change as they get nearer to the Sun?

8. What is a long-period comet?

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9. Who was Jean-François Champollion and for what is he well-known?

10. Why did Rosetta go into hibernation and for how long was it 'asleep'?

11. Why is the lander called Philae?

12. What is Demotic script?

13. What will Rosetta do while it orbits the comet?

14. How will Philae attach itself to the comet?

15. When did the Solar System first start to form?

16. List three questions that scientists hope the Rosetta space mission will help answer.

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Death of Alexander the Great (Page 16)

Instructions: Read the article 'Death of Alexander the Great'.
Tick either true or false for the following statements.

| | TRUE | FALSE |
|---|------|-------|
| 1. Alexander's army eventually reached the Himalayan Mountains. | | |
| 2. The ruins of ancient Babylon are now in Iraq. | | |
| 3. Alexander the Great was born in Athens. | | |
| 4. Alexander was known to drink a lot of alcohol. | | |
| 5. Toxicology is the study of poisons. | | |
| 6. Alexander planned to build his capital city at Alexandria. | | |
| 7. After Alexander's death his empire was divided between his generals. | | |
| 8. Macedon was a state in modern day Turkey. | | |
| 9. Typhoid comes from eating or drinking something infected with a type of virus. | | |
| 10. Alexander died when he was 32 years old. | | |

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State of emergency in Thailand (Page 5)**Instructions:** Read the article 'State of emergency in Thailand'.

The answers to the questions are given for 1-8. Write the questions.

1. Q. _____

A. 60 days.

2. Q. _____

A. A senior group of people.

3. Q. _____

A. To prevent further violence.

4. Q. _____

A. Suthep Thaugsuban.

5. Q. _____

A. Since the last election in 2011.

6. Q. _____

A. 13 years ago.

7. Q. _____

A. Making the political system in Thailand corrupt.

8. Q. _____

A. From 2001 to 2006.

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World's most admired (Page 9)**Instructions:** Read the article 'World's most admired'.

Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

Survey

President

Polling company

Brazil

Bill Gates

13 countries

Warren Buffet

YouGov

Pope Francis

Philanthropy

Barack Obama

Microsoft

Xi Jinping

China

Abdul Kalam

France

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Instructions: Read the article 'Doomsday clock unchanged' and fill in the spider diagram below with the details.

HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI



1953

1991

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Ariel Sharon (Page 8)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Ariel Sharon'.

Answer questions 1-7.

1. Why did many Israelis respect and admire Sharon?

2. What do many people in Arab countries call Sharon?

3. What happened in 1948? How did this affect many Palestinians

4. What did Sharon do when he retired from the army?

5. What happened to Sharon in 2006?

6. What happen in 1982 and of what was Sharon in charge at that time?

7. Within a few years of becoming prime minister what did Sharon decide?

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World Map (Page 13)

Instructions: Solve these anagrams. Each answer is a country that appears on the World Map. Each anagram has one extra letter. Together the extra letters form another anagram. The answer is a mystery country. One is already done for you.

1. IAPA JN

J A P A N

2. REECBEG

□ □ □ □ □ □

3. HINPLSIIMPE

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

4. HLTAZIDNA

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5. ZARBIAL

□ □ □ □ □ □

6. DEHELRNEANTS

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

7. AEOWCDRU

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8. TBLOUAGRP

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Mystery country = □ I □ □ □ □ □ □



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Issue 215 Elimination

Instructions: Read issue 215. Now eliminate from the list 13 pairs of words or phrases that go together. You will have one word or phrase left over. That is the answer. One pair is already done for you.

Pacific islands

Alexander the Great

Russia

Kiev

Berkshire Hathaway

Drug cartels

Bangui

Doomsday Clock

River Colorado

Africa

Polynesia

Edward Snowden

Egyptian hieroglyphs

Giza

Jean-François Champollion

Grand Canyon

Macedon

Kangaroo

Warren Buffet

Mexico

Tigerfish

Euromaidan

Saint Anthony

Great Pyramid

CAR

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists

Animals

Odd one out = _____

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Issue 215 multiple choice quiz**Instructions:** Read issue 215 and circle the correct answers for questions 1-10.

1. **Which Asian country has declared a state of emergency in its capital city?**
 - a. China
 - b. Vietnam
 - c. Myanmar
 - d. Cambodia
 - e. Thailand
2. **Which country's parliament is called the Knesset?**
 - a. Greece
 - b. Latvia
 - c. Ukraine
 - d. Israel
 - e. Poland
3. **What was the name of Captain James Cook's ship?**
 - a. *Mary Rose*
 - b. *Golden Hind*
 - c. *Victory*
 - d. *Terra Firma*
 - e. *Endeavour*
4. **What time is it on the Doomsday Clock?**
 - a. Three minutes to midnight
 - b. Seventeen minutes to midnight
 - c. Eight minutes to midnight
 - d. Five minutes to midnight
 - e. Twelve minutes to midnight
5. **Who is the president of France?**
 - a. Nicolas Sarkozy
 - b. Jacques Chirac
 - c. François Mitterrand
 - d. François Hollande
 - e. Valéry Giscard d'Estaing
6. **Of which African country has Catherine Samba-Panza become the interim leader?**
 - a. South Sudan
 - b. Central African Republic
 - c. Chad
 - d. Mali
 - e. Somalia
7. **Of which country's army is General Sisi the commander?**
 - a. Zimbabwe
 - b. Egypt
 - c. Libya
 - d. Tunisia
 - e. Zaire
8. **Where would you be able to see the Rosetta Stone?**
 - a. New York Metropolitan Museum
 - b. British Museum in London
 - c. Egyptian Museum in Cairo
 - d. The Louvre in Paris
 - e. Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg
9. **What event marked the beginning of the Second World War in the Pacific?**
 - a. The capture of Singapore
 - b. The Battle of Midway
 - c. The bombing of Darwin
 - d. The attack on Pearl Harbour
 - e. The invasion of Hong Kong
10. **In which city is the stone figure of *Christ the Redeemer*?**
 - a. Rome
 - b. Rio de Janeiro
 - c. Mexico City
 - d. Manila
 - e. Santiago